- 1 (Whereupon, the following out of.
- In camera proceedings were had.)
- 3 JUDGE DOLAN: How much longer do you have,
- 4 Karen.
- 5 MS. LUSSON: About 15 more minutes.
- 6 BY MS. LUSSON:
- 7 Q Can we turn to your Exhibit 15.0 of
- 8 Page 11, Lines 235 through 261.
- 9 A Yes, ma'am, Line 235. I'm there.
- 10 Q There you indicate that you rejected
- 11 Mr. Coppola's recommendation for Wisconsin Energy to
- 12 perform a thorough evaluation of the AMRP and scale
- 13 the program.
- Do you see that there?
- 15 A I see the Q&A starting at Line 235, yes,
- 16 ma'am.
- 17 Q And you indicate, as I understand your
- 18 testimony, you assert that because the Commission
- 19 rejected the imposition of performance-based metrics
- 20 related to recovery of Rider QIP expenses in the rate
- 21 case, the most recent rate case, that similarly the
- 22 Commission should not require the acquiring company

- 1 to reevaluate the timeline of the AMRP.
- 2 Do you see that?
- 3 A Yes, I see at Line 252, it says the
- 4 Commission ruled that the record did not support
- 5 imposing any additional metrics on Gas' main
- 6 replacement program.
- 7 Q Would you agree that the statute by
- 8 which -- to the extent you know or in the Commission
- 9 evidence that the Commission considers in this case,
- 10 in evaluating the proposed merger is different than
- 11 those that typically do apply to setting rates in a
- 12 rate case, if you know as a nonlawyer?
- 13 A I don't know.
- Q Would you agree, if you're aware, that the
- 15 statute that -- strike that.
- 16 Would you agree that the Commission
- 17 has the ability in this case to impose such terms
- 18 conditions or requirements as in its judgment are
- 19 necessary to protect the interests of the public
- 20 utility and its customers, if you know?
- 21 A I don't know.
- 22 Q As the president of Wisconsin Energy, do

- 1 you believe it's appropriate in terms of public
- 2 safety that a main replacement project target
- 3 high-risk high-priority main segments first as
- 4 opposed to less risky main segments?
- 5 A So could you repeat the question.
- 6 Q As in your position of president of
- 7 Wisconsin Energy, do you believe it's appropriate in
- 8 terms of public safety that a main replacement
- 9 program should target high-risk high-priority mains
- 10 first as opposed to less vulnerable mains?
- 11 A Well, my view would be that a main
- 12 replacement program should take a number of factors
- into account, so one of them probably would be risk.
- 14 O Would you agree that another factor would
- 15 be impact on customer rates?
- 16 A Yes.
- 18 avoidance of shareholder risk and Peoples Gas'
- 19 liability exposure that the AMRP target high-risk
- 20 high-priority main segments first?
- 21 MR. EIDUKAS: I object to the extent it calls
- for a legal conclusion and is compound.

- 1 MS. LUSSON: I will be happy to split it up.
- 2 And again, I can preface it by saying I'm not asking
- 3 him. I know he's not a lawyer. I'm not asking him
- 4 for a legal conclusion.
- JUDGE DOLAN: Break it up then.
- 6 BY MS. LUSSON:
- 7 Q Mr. Leverett, do you agree it's appropriate
- 8 in terms of avoidance of shareholder risk that an
- 9 AMRP target high-risk high-priority main segments
- 10 first?
- 11 A Can you explain what you mean by
- 12 "shareholder risk."
- 13 Q Well, to the extent -- let me create a
- 14 hypothetical.
- That a segment of main explodes and
- 16 there is an explosion within the City of Chicago or
- 17 elsewhere to a Wisconsin utility, to the extent that
- 18 that might subject shareholders to some risk of lower
- 19 dividends or possibly legal liability, I'm not sure,
- 20 in your position as the president of Wisconsin
- 21 Energy, do you think it makes sense that a main
- 22 replacement program target high-risk, high-priority

- 1 main segments?
- 2 A Well, as I said before, my view would be
- 3 that a main replacement program should take risk into
- 4 account when you're making decisions about in what
- 5 order you do the work.
- 6 Q Do you believe -- I know you said impact on
- 7 customer rates is a factor. You stated that, would
- 8 you agree, just a minute ago?
- 9 A Yes.
- 11 should minimize the impact on customer rates
- 12 balancing it with safety needs?
- 13 A Well, there might be a number of factors
- 14 that should be considered, so I quess you have to
- 15 consider all those when you put the program together.
- 16 So certainly we talked about risks.
- 17 We talked about customer rates. There might be
- 18 others. You know, interaction with other work that's
- 19 being done in the city. There might be a lot of
- 20 factors that you have to look at.
- 21 Q And would attempting to ensure least-cost
- 22 utility rates be one of those factors as well, so

- that utility service remains affordable?
- 2 A The cost should be a consideration.
- 3 Q Would you agree that it's in ratepayers
- 4 interests for Peoples Gas or Wisconsin Energy,
- 5 whoever is in charge post-merger to evaluate the
- 6 appropriateness of the 2030 timeline as soon as
- 7 possible to the extent you have indicated that that
- 8 assessment is going to take place?
- 9 A I think I have testified that we -- do you
- 10 have that cite in the surrebuttal?
- 11 So can you repeat the question.
- 12 Q Sure.
- Would you agree, going back to the
- 14 statement in, I believe, the Cross-Exhibit that
- indicated that the Company was going to conduct an
- 16 assessment of whether the 2030 timeline was the
- 17 appropriate timeline, would you agree that that study
- 18 referenced in 15.0 AG 15.02-E that it's in
- 19 ratepayers' interest to conduct that assessment as
- 20 soon as possible post-merger?
- 21 A I believe it's in the ratepayers' interest
- 22 to do a complete assessment.

- 1 Q To the extent it impacts capital
- 2 expenditures, and thereby customer rates, would you
- 3 agree that it's important to do it sooner rather than
- 4 later?
- 5 A It's important to do a good assessment.
- 6 That's what I said.
- 7 Q So the timing of that assessment is not
- 8 important, in your view?
- 9 A No. It's better to do a good assessment
- 10 and do it well.
- 11 Q Is it correct that that assessment wouldn't
- 12 formally be reported to the Commission until 2018
- 13 under your proposal?
- 14 A So are you referring specifically to
- 15 No. 11? I'm sorry. Exhibit 15.1?
- 16 O I'm looking back on AG Cross-Exhibit 6 at
- 17 Subsection E where you say assessment of these
- issues -- that is, you know, whether an analysis or
- 19 assessment to conclude that the 2030 completion date
- 20 is still feasible and achievable in a cost-effective
- 21 manner for ratepayers. You indicate that you will be
- doing that as part of the Liberty final report from

- 1 its phase-one investigation.
- Do you see that in Subpart E?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Is it correct that that assessment then
- 5 would not be formally reported to the Commission
- 6 until 2018?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q When would that be reported to the
- 9 Commission?
- 10 A I don't know.
- 11 Q Do you believe it's a good idea for the
- 12 Commission to have reports from Peoples Gas that
- 13 compare actual versus forecasted annual investments
- in AMRP?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q And do you think it's a good idea for those
- 17 reports about planned infrastructure, forecast and
- 18 actual investments to also include information about
- 19 the MRI, the main ranking index, of the mains that
- are to be replaced in that year?
- 21 A I'm not familiar with the details of the
- 22 MRI, so I can't really say.

- 1 Q Do you think it would be a good idea for
- 2 the Commission to keep apprised annually as to the
- 3 total projected cost to complete the program and the
- 4 quantity -- let me stop there -- to the extent that
- 5 that might change year to year?
- 6 A So repeat the question.
- 7 O Do you think it would be a good idea to
- 8 keep the Commission informed about total projected
- 9 annual costs to complete the program on an annual
- 10 basis?
- MR. EIDUKAS: Well, you know, I'm going to
- 12 object, your Honor, to the extent that what may or
- 13 may not be a good idea for the Commission to know
- 14 about the AMRP isn't really related to what impact
- 15 approving a reorganization of Wisconsin Energy
- 16 Corporation by the stock of Integrys Energy Group
- 17 will have. This is a question on the AMRP itself and
- it just doesn't seem to be relevant to the issues
- 19 under 7-204. So I will object to this further line
- 20 of questioning.
- 21 MS. LUSSON: Well, it appears -- your Honor, it
- 22 appears that the Commission is going to be following

- 1 what happens with the AMRP. And, in fact,
- 2 Mr. Leverett has indicated that certain -- they're
- 3 willing to file certain reports.
- 4 So I'm simply trying to inquire as to
- 5 what he thinks would be -- whether he thinks certain
- 6 information would be important to include in those
- 7 reports, whether or not they actually equal or mirror
- 8 a commitment that they have made.
- 9 MR. EIDUKAS: I guess I will just go back to
- 10 the Commission is interested in the AMRP and there
- 11 are other avenues and proceedings in which that will
- 12 take place. To the extent that Mr. Leverett has
- 13 offered a commitment, that commitment has been stated
- in his testimony, and whether there is other items or
- other actions that may or may not be of interest to
- 16 the Commission or helpful to the Commission or
- 17 related to the AMRP, I should say may be relevant to
- 18 the Commission, but they're not at issue to this case
- 19 and they're not relevant to the decisions to be made
- 20 in this case.
- 21 MS. LUSSON: They sure are at issue. These are
- 22 pieces of information that Mr. Coppola has

- 1 recommended to be included for the rate filing
- 2 requirements.
- 3 MR. EIDUKAS: Again, not to belabor it, but
- 4 Mr. Coppola's testimony will stand on its own and
- 5 does not and should not expand the scope of what
- 6 Mr. Leverett has testified to.
- 7 JUDGE DOLAN: I'll sustain the objection.
- 8 MS. LUSSON: Okay.
- 9 BY MS. LUSSON:
- 10 Q Finally, I want to ask you a few questions
- 11 about employee numbers and Integrys customer
- 12 experience savings. Two issues addressed in
- 13 Mr. Effron's testimony that you also responded to.
- 14 If you could look at your Exhibit 15.0
- 15 at 16.
- 16 Now, at Lines 346 and 354, you
- 17 indicated a proposal to maintain a minimum level of
- 18 employment at the gas company's based upon the 2015
- 19 test year levels for which recovery was approved in
- 20 their 2014 rate cases.
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A Yes.

- 1 O Now, if you look at Lines 355 through 362,
- 2 you state that you don't agree with the AG proposal
- 3 for condition approvals and merger on implementation
- 4 of a rider to credit customers for savings due to the
- 5 difference between test year head counts in the 2014
- 6 rate case and the employee head count commitment in
- 7 the present case.
- 8 Do you see that?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q If from a rate perspective, the alternative
- 11 condition that you describe at Lines 352 through 354
- of your surrebuttal testimony is adopted, then
- 13 there's no problem here; would you agree, at least
- 14 between you and Mr. Effron? That is, there would be
- 15 no difference between the test year head counts in
- 16 2014 rate case rate levels and the Joint Applicant
- 17 employee head count in the present case?
- 18 MR. EIDUKAS: I'm going to object to the extent
- 19 this question is going to questions about rate
- 20 setting, which was decided in previous rate cases.
- 21 This proceeding is not about the setting of rates.
- MS. LUSSON: Well, the issue that we're

- 1 addressing and that Mr. Leverett is discussing here
- 2 is completely contingent on what Mr. Effron observed
- 3 about the employee levels that were approved in the
- 4 2014 rate case and that information that the Joint
- 5 Applicant presented in this case about employment
- 6 levels. So it's absolutely at issue in this case.
- 7 The question simply asks him if his
- 8 alternative condition was adopted, then the issue was
- 9 resolved. That was the question.
- 10 JUDGE DOLAN: I will overrule.
- 11 THE WITNESS: So will you repeat the question.
- 12 BY MS. LUSSON:
- 13 Q Sure.
- 14 Would you agree that if the Commission
- 15 adopts your alternative condition described at
- 16 Lines 352 through 354, that issue between the AG and
- 17 the Company is resolved? Would you agree?
- 18 A And so what specific issue are you talking
- 19 about being resolved?
- 20 O About whether or not there needs to be some
- 21 sort of compensation to ratepayers as a condition of
- 22 this merger because the employee level of commitment

- 1 that Joint Applicants initially made differed and
- 2 was, in fact, less than the employee numbers that
- 3 were the basis for setting rates in the 2014 case?
- 4 Do you recall that issue?
- 5 A Well, the alternative that I laid out on
- 6 352 to 354 specifically the Joint Applicants agree
- 7 that the gas companies will maintain at least 1,534
- 8 full-time equivalents for two years after the
- 9 reorganization closes.
- 10 So we adopt that, there will be at
- 11 1,534 FTEs for two years after the reorganization
- 12 closes for the gas companies.
- 13 So I would have to leave it to you as
- 14 to whether that addresses the Attorney General's
- 15 concern.
- 16 Q Okay. I will show you what I will mark as
- 17 AG Cross-Exhibit 7. AG Cross-Exhibit 7 is Joint
- 18 Applicants' response to AG Data Request 10.05.
- 19 This request sought information as to
- 20 the actual full-time employee head count at Peoples
- 21 Gas, North Shore and Integrys business support in
- 22 Illinois as of the latest date available.

- 1 Can you attest that the information
- 2 provided in this response is accurate given that
- 3 you're the witness addressing the issues of head
- 4 counts?
- 5 A I believe that's correct. This was the
- 6 information provided. I believe it's correct.
- 7 Q Okay. Would you agree that the levels
- 8 listed there, the employee levels for Peoples Gas and
- 9 North Shore are below the levels in the alternative
- 10 condition, at least as of the date of this request?
- 11 A So are you taking 1,303 adding 171 and
- 12 you're comparing that to Lines 352 to 354? That's
- the comparison you're drawing?
- 14 O Yes.
- 15 A So the answer is yes.
- 16 Q If your alternative condition that you
- described at Page 16 of your Exhibit 15.0 is approved
- and the total employment at the gas companies falls
- 19 below that 1,534 number, to the extent that this is a
- 20 commitment that is adopted as a condition of the
- 21 merger, would there be a penalty for failing to meet
- 22 that commitment?

- 1 MR. EIDUKAS: Objection; calls for a legal
- 2 conclusion.
- 3 MS. LUSSON: I'm just asking him if he
- 4 envisions any sort of compensation if, in fact, that
- 5 alternative condition is not met to the extent he
- 6 knows or has an opinion.
- 7 JUDGE DOLAN: Overruled, based on that.
- 8 THE WITNESS: I don't have an opinion.
- 9 BY MS. LUSSON:
- 10 Q And, finally, referring to Pages 24 and 25
- 11 of your surrebuttal testimony.
- 12 A I'm sorry. 24?
- 13 Q Yes.
- 14 This is reference to the Integrys
- 15 customer experience expenses issue that you address.
- 16 At Line 552, you state that the Joint
- 17 Applicants respectfully continue to disagree with the
- 18 recommendation that a refund of sorts be accredited
- 19 to customers for the savings from the ICE, I-C-E,
- 20 project, the ICE project?
- 21 Do you see that?
- 22 A Yes, the QA that starts on 545, Line 545.

- 1 O Auh-huh.
- 2 A I see that.
- 3 Q Hypothetically, the Commission can't force
- 4 the rider as proposed by Mr. Effron on the gas
- 5 companies without the Joint Applicants implicitly
- 6 agreeing to it by going forward with the merger;
- 7 would you agree?
- 8 In other words, the Joint Applicants
- 9 have the ability to say no to that and presumably the
- 10 merger wouldn't happen?
- 11 A Can you repeat the question to make sure I
- 12 understand that question.
- 13 Q Presumably the Joint Applicants -- my
- 14 understanding is that you have objected to a refund
- 15 being accredited to customers as a condition of a
- 16 merger, which is what Mr. Effron proposed. That
- 17 would require agreement of the merger applicant,
- 18 wouldn't it, for it to be a part of this merger?
- 19 A I don't know.
- 20 MS. LUSSON: Thank you, Mr. Leverett. I have
- 21 no further questions.
- Your Honor, I move for the admission

- of the AG Cross-Exhibits 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.
- JUDGE DOLAN: You're going to put 4 and 5 in?
- 3 MR. HARVEY: We would like to see 5 before we
- 4 withhold objection.
- 5 MR. EIDUKAS: I would -- you know, I have no
- 6 objections, other than to 4 and 5 as admitting into
- 7 evidence portions of the Commission's orders that
- 8 were a Cross-Exhibit 4, which is a public record and
- 9 5, which is a Staff testimony in a prior case, which
- 10 Mr. Leverett testified he wasn't aware of, so I don't
- 11 think there is a foundation for admitting 5 as an
- 12 exhibit.
- 13 MS. LUSSON: Well, the reason -- I understand
- 14 the objection about a portion of an order, but the
- point of the cross was to find out if he was aware of
- it as part of the due diligence review, so that is
- 17 relevant. So that foundation was laid. There was no
- 18 objection to those questions. If there was, they
- 19 were overruled.
- 20 My point in including these two
- 21 exhibits is that the order itself does not clearly
- 22 reference those points in Mr. Buxton's testimony that

- 1 served as the basis for the 2012 audit requirement.
- 2 So I do think that in that regard to the extent that
- 3 the Joint Applicants weren't aware of those, we
- 4 believe are important findings by the Commission that
- 5 that is relevant and should be an exhibit in the
- 6 case.
- 7 MR. EIDUKAS: Your Honor, I stand on my
- 8 objection that the witness testified he was not aware
- 9 of this, so I don't see how there is a foundation for
- 10 it.
- JUDGE DOLAN: I have to agree with him. I
- don't agree that 4 and 5 should go into the record,
- so I will admit 3, 6 and 7.
- MS. LUSSON: Thank you.
- 15 (Whereupon, AG Cross-Exhibits
- Nos. 3, 6 and 7 were admitted
- into evidence.)
- 18 MR. EIDUKAS: Your Honor, for my indulgence for
- 19 just a few minutes to see if we have redirect?
- JUDGE DOLAN: Sure.
- 21 Off the record.
- (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

- 1 MR. EIDUKAS: We're not going to have any
- 2 redirect.
- JUDGE DOLAN: Mr. Giesler is going next?
- 4 MR. EIDUKAS: Yes. Mr. Giesler is going next.
- 5 MR. DOSHI: At this time, your Honor, I'm going
- 6 to distribute to opposing counsel and to yourself the
- 7 revised direct testimony of Mr. Salvatore Marano,
- 8 Peoples Gas Exhibit SDM-1.0, REV from Docket
- 9 No. 09-0167, which we were asking Joint Applicants
- 10 Witness Mr. Schott questions about earlier today.
- 11 JUDGE DOLAN: Is there any objections to AG
- 12 Cross-Exhibit 2?
- 13 MS. KLYASHEFF: I object for the relevance
- 14 reasons we objected when Mr. Schott was crossed.
- MR. DOSHI: Your Honor, as we discussed
- 16 earlier, Mr. Schott raised the topic of Mr. Marano's
- 17 testimony in his testimony in this proceeding and we
- 18 wanted to introduce a true and correct copy of
- 19 Mr. Marano's testimony from the 2009 rate case to
- 20 establish that Mr. Marano was hired by Peoples Gas to
- 21 perform an economic study of various AMRP completion
- timelines and not for a consideration of safety

- 1 issues.
- JUDGE DOLAN: Is there a reason the whole
- 3 document has to go in? I mean, I don't see the
- 4 relevance of the majority of this document. And
- 5 again, putting in testimony from other records isn't
- 6 exactly what I like to do.
- 7 MR. DOSHI: Your Honor, Mr. Schott, in his
- 8 surrebuttal testimony at Page 3 JA Exhibit 18.0
- 9 Page 3, beginning at Line 52, Mr. Schott purports to
- 10 summarize what Peoples Gas witness Mr. Marano did in
- 11 the 2009 rate case, and it's important to establish
- 12 context to show what Mr. Marano did and, in fact, did
- 13 not do in that case to establish why the proposed
- 14 2030 completion condition in this proceeding may or
- 15 may not be appropriate.
- JUDGE DOLAN: Well, for what it's worth, I will
- 17 overrule the objection and allow the AG Cross-Exhibit
- 18 2 in. Let's move on.
- 19 (Whereupon, AG Cross-Exhibit
- 20 Exhibit No. 2 was admitted into
- 21 evidence.)
- 22 MS. KLYASHEFF: Joint Applicants calls its next

- 1 witness David Giesler.
- JUDGE DOLAN: Mr. Giesler, please raise your
- 3 right hand.
- 4 (Witness sworn.)
- 5 DAVID D. GIESLER,
- 6 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
- 7 sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 8 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 9 BY
- 10 MS. KLYASHEFF:
- 11 Q Mr. Giesler, please state your name and
- 12 business address, for the record, spelling your last
- 13 name.
- 14 A David D. Giesler, G-i-e-s-l-e-r. Business
- 15 address is 700 North Adams Street, Green Bay,
- 16 Wisconsin, 54307.
- 17 Q You have before you a document identified
- 18 as the Rebuttal Testimony of David D. Giesler and
- 19 marked as JA Exhibit 10.0 to which is appended JA
- 20 Exhibit 10.1 filed on E-docket on December 18th,
- 21 2014.
- Do you have any changes or corrections

- 1 to that document?
- 2 A I do not.
- 3 Q You also have before you a document
- 4 entitled Surrebuttal Testimony of David D. Giesler
- 5 marked as JA Exhibit 19.0 filed with E-docket on
- 6 February 5, 2015.
- 7 Do you have any changes or corrections
- 8 to that document?
- 9 A I do not.
- 10 Q Today, if I were to ask you the questions
- in those documents, would your answers be the same as
- included in the documents?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q Do you adopt these exhibits as your sworn
- 15 testimony in this proceeding?
- 16 A I do.
- 17 MS. KLYASHEFF: Subject to cross-examination, I
- move for the admission of JA Exhibits 10.0, 10.1 and
- 19 19.0.
- 20 JUDGE DOLAN: Any objections?
- MR. JOLLY: None.
- MS. KLYASHEFF: The witness is available for

- 1 cross.
- JUDGE DOLAN: Joint Applicants 10.0 and 10.1
- 3 and 19.0 will be admitted into the record.
- 4 (Whereupon, Joint Applicants
- 5 Exhibits 10.0 and 10.1 and 19.0
- 6
  were admitted into evidence.)
- 7 THE COURT: Okay. Proceed.
- 8 MR. JOLLY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 9 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 10 BY
- 11 MR. JOLLY:
- 12 Q Mr. Giesler, my name is Ron Jolly. I'm an
- 13 attorney with the Attorney General's Office.
- 14 How are you?
- 15 A Good. Thank you.
- 16 Q You're currently in charge of the
- 17 Accelerated Main Replacement Program; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A Aspects of the program, yes.
- 20 Q Are you the person who is in charge of the
- 21 day-to-day operations of the program?
- 22 A Aspects of the program, yes.

- 1 Q Okay. What aspects are you in charge of?
- 2 A Basically, the short-term planning, the
- 3 execution of documents, control and closeout of the
- 4 projects.
- 5 Q And when you say "control," what do you
- 6 mean by "control"?
- 7 A A schedule in change management from a
- 8 financial standpoint.
- 9 Q From a financial standpoint?
- 10 A Change management, correct.
- 11 Q And what was the last item you mentioned?
- 12 A Closeout.
- 13 Q What does closeout mean?
- 14 A Closeout is basically ensuring the quality
- 15 control, the back end of the program to closeout the
- 16 construction contracts, every detail that's required.
- 17 Q And how long have you been in that
- 18 position?
- 19 A A little over 2 years.
- 20 Q Okay. And to whom do you report?
- 21 A I report -- direct report or for the
- 22 program?

- 1 Q For the program, let's say.
- 2 A For the program, I report to Bill Morrow.
- 3 Q And is he the head of the program overall?
- 4 A That's a good question. He was the head of
- 5 the program. It is in the process of transitioning
- 6 to John Kleczynski.
- 7 Q Okay. And what is Mr. Kleczynski's
- 8 position?
- 9 A He's the president of the PGL.
- 10 Q Okay. So he is going to be the head of the
- 11 marketing?
- 12 A In some fashion, correct.
- 13 Q So you indicated that that is in
- 14 transition. And is that a recent occurrence?
- 15 A Yes, it is.
- 16 Q Okay. In the past six months?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q And you're based in Green Bay, correct?
- 19 A I work in Chicago three days a week and the
- 20 other two days I'm in Green Bay.
- 21 Q Okay. Now, have you been told by WEC or
- 22 anybody at PGL or Integrys, I guess I should say,

- 1 whether you will continue to hold your position
- 2 assuming that the transaction in this case is
- 3 approved?
- 4 A I have not.
- 5 Q Okay. Have there been discussions along
- 6 those lines?
- 7 A No, there have not.
- 8 Q And do you know whether WEC has made any
- 9 indications in terms of whether it has made any final
- 10 decisions as to who will manage or oversee the AMRP
- 11 after the transaction?
- 12 A No, not to my knowledge.
- 13 Q Now, were you here during the
- 14 cross-examination of Mr. Leverett?
- 15 A For the most part, yes.
- 16 Q Okay. And my recollection of his testimony
- 17 I think he said that you participated in the
- 18 discussions between Integrys and WEC prior to the
- 19 transaction being announced; is that correct?
- 20 A That's incorrect.
- 21 O That is incorrect?
- 22 A I believe it was referenced Mr. Schott and

- 1 myself in the same sentence.
- Q Okay.
- 3 A I was not.
- 4 O So Mr. --
- 5 A I would assume the question was answered
- 6 toward Mr. Schott and not myself.
- 7 Q Okay. Were you -- did you have any
- 8 conversations with any of the WEC concerning due
- 9 diligence issues prior to the announcement of the
- 10 proposed transaction?
- 11 A I did not.
- 12 Q Okay. Can you go to the bottom of Page 2
- 13 the top of Page 3 of your rebuttal testimony.
- 14 JUDGE DOLAN: Can we just hold on one second.
- 15 (Whereupon, a discussion was had off the record.)
- 16 BY MR. JOLLY:
- 17 Q And there you state that the Joint
- 18 Applicants "strongly disagree" with some of the
- 19 criticisms that AG Witness Coppola and City CUB
- 20 Witness Cheaks made with respect to the management of
- 21 the AMRP"; is that correct?
- 22 A That is correct.

- 1 Q Okay. When you made that statement, when
- 2 you refer to Joint Applicants, are you speaking for
- 3 all of the Joint Applicants?
- A No, I'm not. I speak for myself.
- 5 Q And when you say you speak for yourself,
- 6 you're speaking for yourself as an employee of -- is
- 7 it IBS?
- 8 A I'm speaking on behalf of being the project
- 9 manager for AMRP.
- 10 Q Okay. Now, have you read the Liberty
- interim audit report that was appended to Staff
- 12 Witness Harry Stoller's testimony in this case?
- 13 A I have.
- 14 O You have?
- 15 A I have read that, yes.
- 16 Q And have you assessed some of the comments
- 17 made within that report concerning the management of
- 18 the AMRP?
- 19 A I guess, what do you mean by assessed.
- 20 Q Have you read the entire report?
- 21 A I have.
- 22 Q Do you agree with all of the conclusions

- 1 that the Liberty auditors make in their interim
- 2 report?
- 3 A I think it's way too early to agree or
- 4 disagree with any of the conclusions being an interim
- 5 report. Any audit has a process it follows. Taking
- 6 an interim report that is Step 1 or 2 of the process
- 7 and treating it like it's at Step 10 is not the
- 8 normal process for an audit, which is why it's an
- 9 interim audit.
- 10 We have not had the chance to sit down
- 11 with Liberty and go through their preliminary
- 12 findings, which is why they themselves do not want to
- 13 come in and testify on its behalf, until we vet
- 14 through, their making recommendations based off
- 15 several data points and interviews. I think they
- 16 would appreciate, as well as us, to sit down and talk
- 17 through all their findings and see which ones are
- 18 applicable and which ones are not.
- 19 So until that happens, it would just
- 20 be speculating on which ones are credible and which
- 21 ones are not.
- 22 Q Well, having read the report, you are

- 1 familiar that this was not a scheduled report; is
- 2 that correct?
- 3 A In the interim process with us within our
- 4 interviews, they were doing interim reports and then
- 5 they were not, so I wasn't sure where they stood on
- 6 it with their negotiations with them and the ICC, so
- 7 I was not sure if there would be interim reports or
- 8 not.
- 9 Q Do you have a copy of the report? I can
- 10 provide you one, if you need one.
- 11 Do you need one?
- 12 A I do.
- 13 Q If you look at the very first page S-1, the
- 14 last paragraph on that page, doesn't it state --
- MR. HARVEY: Your Honor, I think we need to go
- 16 into camera.
- 17 JUDGE DOLAN: I was just going to ask that. I
- don't know, is there anybody here because I noticed
- 19 that Chris left as I understand that paragraph
- 20 there --
- 21 (Whereupon, the following in camera
- 22 proceedings were had.)